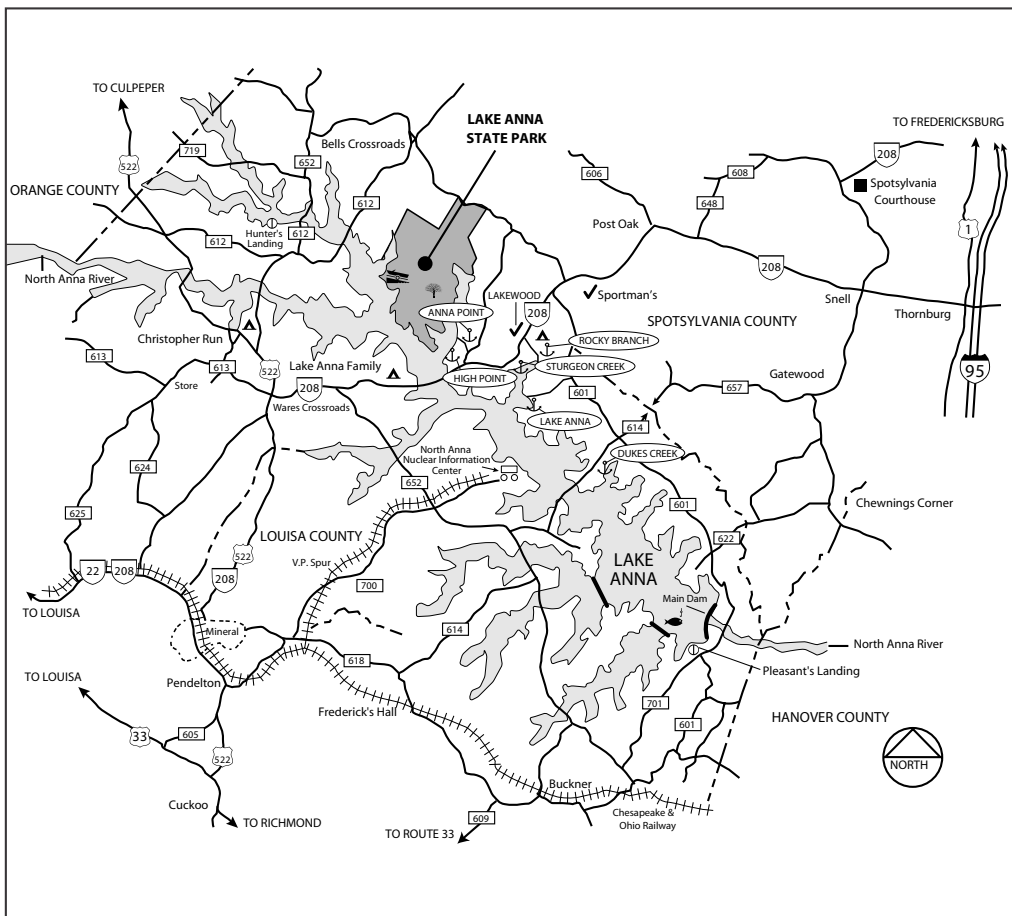


## LAKE ANNA AREA



Fishing Pier



Marina



Campground



State Park



Motel



Landing



State Boat Ramp



North Anna Power Station

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-  Swimming and wading are allowed only in the designated area during operating hours. Shallow water hazards, steep drop-offs and boating traffic make other areas of our park unsafe for swimming or wading.
-  The public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
-  Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter in the proper receptacles.
-  Pets are permitted in all state parks, but they must be kept in an enclosed area or on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times. Pets are prohibited in beach area.
-  Horses and bicycles are allowed on multi-use trails only. No motorized vehicles are allowed on park trails.
-  The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk daily.
-  The park fishing pond is located near the visitor center. The pond is designed for use by children 15 and under and people with disabilities only.

### Hiking Trails

All trails are for hiking with some restricted to hiking only. Others are shared multiple-use trails.

### Multiple-Use Trails

The shared multiple-use trails are designed for horseback riding, bicycle riding and hiking. There are 10 miles of multiple-use trails. The degree of difficulty for each trail is listed below.

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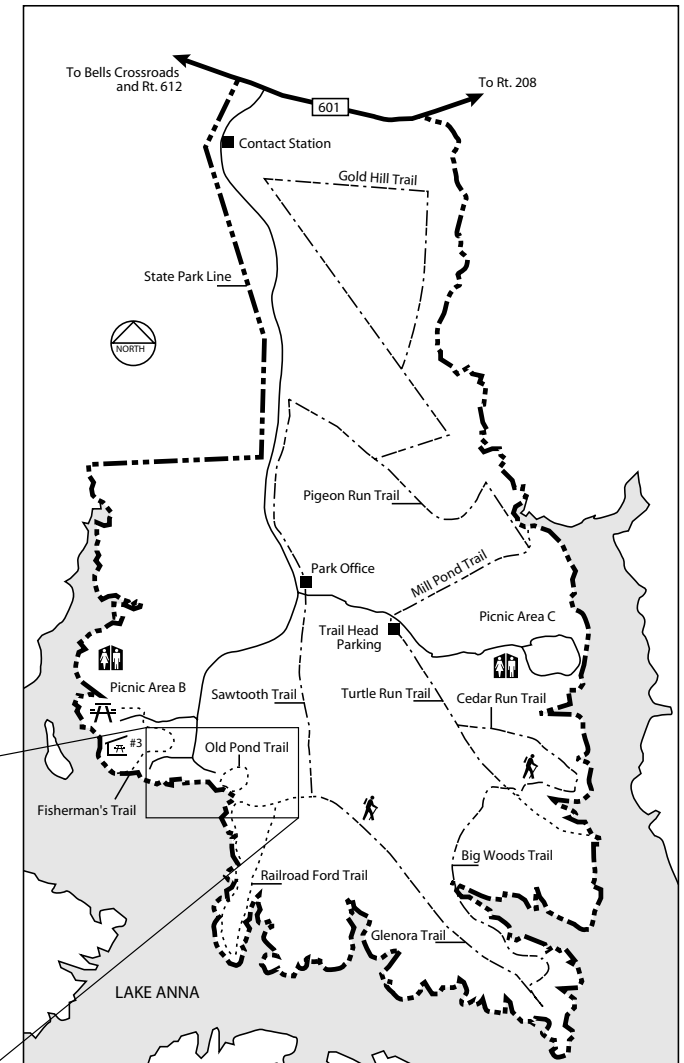
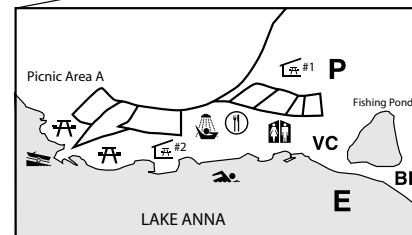
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**Swimming Area**



**VC Visitor Center**



### Trail System

Welcome to the Lake Anna State Park trail system. The park has 11 trails totaling more than 13 miles. All trails are for hiking with 10 miles designated as multiple-use trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. All trails allow travel in both directions. Several trails pass over moderate terrain through mixed hardwood and pine forests, and others provide access to the lake's shoreline. The Big Woods, Pigeon Run and Gold Hill trails are rated more difficult.

Whichever trek you take, be sure to follow all state park guidelines. Take only photographs and leave only footprints.

### Trail Guidelines

Please take a few moments to review the guidelines established for trail users. Your compliance with these guidelines helps ensure everyone's safety and continued enjoyment of the trails.



Show respect to all trail users

Do not block the trail

Stay single file on the right when being passed

Stay on the trail to avoid damaging fragile areas

Report all injuries or incidents to a park ranger

Yield to emergency vehicles

Do not litter

Share the trails



Yield right-of-way to horses and hikers

Riders stay on right and pass on left

Use vocal signals when passing

To reduce impact, do not ride on wet trails

Avoid speeding – control your bike at all times

Avoid skidding – this accelerates erosion

Know your equipment and abilities



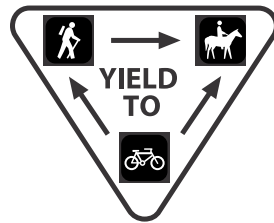
Do not tie horses to trees or fences – use picket lines or hitching rails

Scatter manure at tie areas, and remove it from parking areas

Horse owners are required to have a valid equine infectious anemia test form for each horse brought into the park; please have your Coggins papers with you when you arrive.

### MULTIPLE USE TRAIL GUIDELINES

#### TRAIL COURTESY



#### Equestrians

Control your horses.  
Avoid cross-country riding.



#### Hikers

Yield trail to equestrian.  
Allow equestrians and bicycles to pass.  
Don't cut switchbacks.



#### Bicyclists

Ride on open trails only.  
Leave no trace.  
Control your bicycle.  
Always yield trails.  
Never scare animals.  
Plan ahead.

### ALL USERS

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### What's in a Name?

Gold Hill Trail – Land within the park was called “Gold Hill” during the late 1800s. Evidence of placer and shaft mining remains.

Pigeon Run Trail passes near a stream named Pigeon Run. The stream was named for the many passenger pigeons that once inhabited the area but are now extinct.

Mill Pond Trail ends near Hailey's Mill, which was once a water-powered gristmill on Pigeon Run. The storm that caused the infamous Johnstown Flood also broke this dam in 1889. Remnants of the dam can still be seen.

Big Woods Trail – Land within the park was known as “Big Woods” during the 1900s. The area's prime timber was frequently logged. The most recent logging operation was in the 1950s.

Glenora Trail leads to a site once known as Pigeon Plantation. The property was named Glenora following the Civil War. The original smokehouse built in 1832 remains on the site.

Railroad Ford Trail follows an old railroad grade built in 1916 to carry lead and zinc ore used in ammunition for war efforts in World War I.

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